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SUBJECT: EGYPTIAN MFA AND AFRICOM DELEGATION DISCUSS
AFRICAN ISSUES

Classified By: Deputy Chief of Mission Matthew H. Tueller for reasons 1.4 (b) and (d).

- 1.(C) Key Points: -- Egyptian MFA officials in meeting with a senior Africom delegation said they are concerned with deteriorating situation in
1. MFA officials said there is a lack of evidence against the suspected pirates, and it is unclear whether the events occurred in Somali water
- 2.(C) A U.S. Africa Command (Africom) delegation including Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense (DASD) Vicki Huddleston and Vice Admiral (VADM)
- 3.(C) Bassim said Egypt's top priority is the unity of Sudan. She warned of "fatal implications" if South Sudan separates. Bassim said that mil
- 4.(C) Kassem said there is a roadmap on Darfur and it is the international community's responsibility to "pave the way." He told us that UN/AU
- 5.(C) Kassem praised S/E Gration's "sincere attempts" to resolve the crises in Sudan, which convinced the GoS that the USG was not solely focus
- 6.(C) Kassem said the GoE is exploring the idea of inviting all major Sudanese political leaders from the North, South, and Darfur to Egypt for
- 7.(C) Ambassador Osama Abdel Khalq, MFA Cabinet Advisor for African Affairs said the TFG is not capable of defeating Al Shibaab and Hizb Al Isl
- 8.(C) Bassim said piracy is a byproduct of the failure of the Somali state in the absence of development and political and economic institution
- 9.(C) Cabinet Advisor Abdel Khalq said Egypt was committed to provide peacekeeping forces in Darfur, Sudan and Eastern Congo. He stated that UN
- 10.(U) DASD Huddleston and VADM Moeller cleared this cable. Scobey